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Beach Combings.

Work on the various new houses is being rushed, and some of them will soon be ready to occupy.

Mr A. B. Steele, President of the A. & St A. B. R. R. in writing to Mr Gay states that work is progressing well along the line, and good progress being made.

Wallace Caswell has been busily employed with a gang of carpenters this week putting up a dwelling house on his lot on Magnolia avenue, in Block 1. He has it nearly ready to occupy.

The G. C. D. Co., have received from H. C. Chivers, Architect, St Louis, the plans, and a water color drawing, of the bank building that is to be erected at the corner of First street and Harrison Ave.

Our Bay correspondents are increasing but there are yet places where we need one badly. Anderson, Millville, and Farndale should all be represented in the PILOT each week. Who will attend to this at these points?

From messages received this morning we learn with regret of the death of Mayor C. H. Bliss, of Pensacola. Mr Bliss was a few days since attacked with heart trouble from which he has been a sufferer for some time.

On Friday evening of this week the Tarpon will give an excursion to the gulf, taking on passengers at Millville, Panama City and St Andrew. It is stated that fare for the round trip will be fifty cents, and the boat will reach here about 7:15 p. m.

J. B. Thompson, of Apalachicola, has purchased one of the bay front lots east of the hotel, and will at once erect thereon a very neat dwelling house. This will add to the looks of the point, and gives Mr Thompson a residence that will always be cool and pleasant.

Mr J. S. Gardner, of Fountain, accompanied by his mother in law, Mrs A. E. Wilson, are stopping in the West End. Mr Gardner reports work on the railroad at and near Fountain as progressing well, and but little is left at that point to be done in way of grading.

G. B. Thompson leaves to-day for Chipley, to attend the meeting of Confederate Veterans which is to be held there on Saturday, as per call of Capt Robertson, of McMillan Camp, C. S. V. Mr Thompson anticipates a generously good time in assembling once again with the old soldiers.

An Epworth League social was held on Tuesday evening at the residence of Miss Clara Thompson. There was a good attendance of the young people of St Andrew, and some from Panama City, and a very pleasant time is reported. It is the intention of the League to hold these socials quite frequently.

Quite a number of our young people witnessed the eclipse of the moon which occurred last night. Though slightly cloudy was plainly visible. The moon was about half obscured, entered the shadow at 8:59, the maximum shadow being at 11:22, and by 2 o'clock this morning it had again assumed its natural profile.

Old Town homes were most pleasantly entertained on Wednesday evening by a band of serenaders, young men from Blakely, Ga., and other points, who are stopping here on their summer outing. Their voices were accompanied by the sweet music of guitars, furnishing a melodious combination that was very pleasing.

J. A. DONALDSON DEAD.

Passes Away Suddenly at His Home Near Parker Saturday Morning.

The people of the Bay country were shocked at the reception of the news last Saturday of the death at his home near Parker of Mr J. A. Donaldson of heart disease, from which he had suffered many years.

Mr Donaldson arrived with his family on Thursday at their summer residence from their home in DeFuniak Springs, intending to spend the summer months.

He arose Saturday morning feeling as well as usual and planning for the pleasures of the day; while playing with the children he was seized with the attack which inside of two hours ended in death.

W. H. Parker, and a visiting physician, were called at once and the usual family remedies were employed but to no avail.

Mr. Donaldson was about fifty eight years of age. He leaves a wife and six children and other near relatives who mourn his loss. Mr Donaldson came to this section some fifteen years ago. Soon after he erected the beautiful home on the point opposite Parker which he and his family have occupied at various times ever since. He was a well known citizen in West Florida, of sterling integrity of character, and a husband and father who placed home above all other interests. His funeral on Sunday was conducted by Parker Masonic Lodge under the leadership of W. H. Parker. It was largely attended by members of that order and numerous friends from St Andrew, Panama City, Millville, Cromanton, Parker and other east Bay points.

The Vienna, Ga., News of the 16th has the following account of the Adkins-McKenzie wedding:

On Sunday afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs T. A. Adkins, Sr., occurred the wedding of her daughter, Margie Belle, and Mr Oscar Paul McKenzie of Panama City, Fla.

On account of the recent death of the bride's father, only the immediate families and a few close friends were present.

Quite a number of beautiful gifts were received. Promptly at one o'clock, the bride and groom entered the parlor, which was prettily decorated with palms and ferns, where the ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. W. L. Cutts.

The bride looked very pretty in a white silk daintily trimmed with laces. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr and Mrs McKenzie left for Oglethorpe on a short visit to the grooms parents.

The bride's going away gown was a black taffeta suit with gloves and hat to match.

They leave Tuesday for their future home in Panama City.

Mr O. P. McKenzie and bride arrived home on Friday, and are domiciled with G. H. McKenzie in the West End. Saturday evening the many friends of the couple made them a pleasant visit, which was most thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs W. G. Mitchell is the fortunate possessor of a very fine night blooming cereus which bloomed for the year on Sunday evening of this week. It had a magnificent display of beautiful lace like white blossoms, which opened about 8 o'clock at night, and continued open until nearly morning. Such plants in bloom are rather unfrequent, and always attract a large number of those interested in the beauties and wonders of the floral kingdom.

Mr J. A. Elder brought to Panama City this week three as pretty water-melons as have thus far been seen here this season. Though not as large as some, they are well grown, of different varieties, and suitable for table use. One weighed 45 pounds, another 42, and the third 33, a total of 120 pounds for the three.

Mr Elias Ayars, the architect, has been engaged this week in making plans for the M. E. parsonage, which is to be erected at the southwest corner of 4th street and Laverne avenue.

The Tarpon was quite late yesterday not reaching here until 6 p. m. Delay in getting loaded at Pensacola was the cause.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Panama City Church Organization.

On Sunday next will take place the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Panama City. Ever since there was a building enclosed here last winter in which services could be held, Rev E. W. Roberts, of this church, has held services here every two weeks. It has now been determined to organize a church and this will be done on Sunday next. All who are interested in this work are requested to be present.

Plans are under way by this society to erect a parsonage first, but as soon as subscriptions will warrant, the building of a church will be commenced. The society have a fine location, and it is to be hoped they will soon have a home of their own.

The finest catch of fish we have to report this week is a red fish which was caught on Tuesday morning by Luther Scroninger at the slab dock. It measured just three feet in length, and weighed 15 pounds.

W. H. Crawford, wife, and two children, of Dothan, Ala., came in on Saturday occupying Mr Thompsons new house in the West End. Mr Crawford has been that favorably impressed with the Bay country, and Panama City, that he intends making his home here. Our people gladly welcome them to our growing city.

Mr G. Clyde Fisher, Principal of the new Palmer-College Academy, of DeFuniak Springs, and Mr Franklyn Zeek, of the Faculty, were callers at the PILOT office on Monday. These gentlemen are making a trip through the Bay towns in the interest of this new school, and report very good success in securing students. The advertisement of the school will be found in another portion of our paper. It offers near to this section an opportunity to secure advanced schooling of which many no doubt will take advantage of.

The showers of the past week have been productive of a most luxurious growth of all manner of vegetation. Corn and cotton, cane and sweet potatoes, are looking at their best and promising good yields. Melons are coming in of a size that one would make a meal for a lodging house, while other vegetables are equally as fine. Great country we have for all manner of vegetables, fruits and berries.

The Cleo came in on Monday with a miscellaneous cargo of merchandise for various points on the bay, having made the round trip in little less than a week. The boat went to Parker from here Monday evening and left for Pensacola on Wednesday morning.

Wetappo.

W. W. Ratfield has purchased Mr Dyer's row boat.

W. W. Ratfield made a business call here Friday morning.

Miss Winnie Kronmiller was an attractive visitor Wednesday.

Miss Effie Taylor made a pleasant call on Florence Dyer Wednesday.

G. W. Lowe and wife and Mrs Oliver spent Saturday up Sandy Creek.

Quite a number of the people up here have been suffering from very bad colds lately.

H. A. Allan took Mrs J. Lyle to Millville Friday, where they took the Tarpon for Pensacola.

Mr Connell's team was down Saturday from Wewahatchie with passengers to meet the launch.

Messrs. Dyer and Kronmiller went to their brick yard on Monday and are busy erecting buildings.

E. J. Matthews and wife are spending a few weeks with Mrs Matthews parents, Mr and Mrs Allan, at Allanton.

Messrs S. and J. Dyer and J. F. Kronmiller made a business trip to Allanton and Farndale Saturday afternoon.

St Andrew.

The Martha Lillian came into port today.

Mr Russell is over from Mobile in the interests of his firm.

Miss Janey Smith, of Marianna, is stopping with the Slaughters.

Miss Ola Solomon, of Marianna, is a visitor at the Harper home.

Will Stone came in on Monday and is a visitor at the Milton cottage.

Thomas Clarkson and Will Hill were Tarpon arrivals Wednesday.

Mr Dickinson, a guest of E. J. Bryan, left on the Tarpon yesterday.

Mr Gaskin, wife and children, from Blountstown, came in on Friday last.

Mrs Chapman, from California, is a visitor at her mothers, Mrs Hands.

W. D. Wynne and son Herbert, of Marianna, arrived by team yesterday.

Messrs Zeek and Fisher left for Apalachicola via the Tarpon Wednesday.

Mr Fryer, of Blakely, Ga., and five friends, were among this weeks arrivals.

E. J. and Dave Bryan, Mr Penuel, and Dillon, were Millville visitors on Wednesday.

Capt Witherill, with the Leonore, made a trip to Bay Head with freight on Tuesday.

Fred Watson, of Marianna, is stopping with the Slaughters in one of the Doty cottages.

Mrs W. D. Wynne and child arrived on the Tarpon and joined her husband here yesterday.

John Conely, brother of postmaster Conely, from Marianna, is stopping at the Petaways in the West End.

Mr Moss and A. J. Solomon, guests of E. J. Bryan of Old Town left on Friday last for their home in Marianna.

Mr O. Penuel, of Marianna, and Rufe Dillon, of Murphreesboro, Tenn., arrived at Old Town Tuesday evening, and are guests of E. J. Bryan.

Miss Mary Porter, of this place, will spend a few weeks at St Andrew in the near future. We wish her a pleasant trip.—West Bennet cor. Verdict.

W. W. Whiddon, of Dothan, Ala., came up from the Bay Wednesday en route home. He has been recreating at St Andrews since the latter part of May.—Chipley Verdict.

The infant child of Mr T. Krebs joined its mother in the "land beyond" last night. Mr Krebs and son have the sympathy of their many friends in this additional bereavement.

John M. Harper came up from St Andrews Wednesday. He reports the Chipley Colony well and happy, getting plenty of fish and having a good time generally.—Chipley Verdict.

Miss Louise Weldon, who has been the guest of Mrs. E. R. Cobb for the past two months, left Tuesday on the Tarpon for St Andrews, where she will spend two weeks before returning to her home in Albany, Ga.—Journal, Pensacola.

The ice cream social at the beautiful home of Mrs L. E. Ware, for the benefit of the parsonage fund of the M. E. church, was well attended, and netted the fund \$23.50. The porches were handsomely illuminated and trimmed, and the guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

S. J. Gainer has bought out the mercantile business of Moates Bros., and will continue the same at the old stand. The Moates Bros., by thorough attention to business, and displaying those qualities to please their customers so essential to securing trade, have built up a fine business, on which they are to be congratulated. Mr Gainer steps into the work well commended, and will probably hold all the old patrons and secure many new ones.

FOR SALE.

An excellent four-burner gasoline stove in good order and but little used. Has nice large oven. Address "M" at office of PILOT.

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Gay.

G. M. West and wife, of Panama City, with Capt Frank Witherill, of St Andrew, were visitors at Dr Booths last Friday.

Mrs Capt Anderson is on the sick list at present.

C. Tompkins and Master Willie, of Tompkins, transacted business in town Saturday.

Capt and Mrs Frank Witherill, with baby daughter, spent Wednesday with Dr and Mrs Booth.

T. D. Gainer and Lewis Anderson, were calling upon friends in town Sunday.

Little Maryella and Jack Gay, spent a few days with their aunt, Mrs Frank Ware, at Bay Head, last week.

Capt L. W. Anderson has had his launch out on the ways at Bay Head and repainted.

A. J. Gay and wife went to Panama City Wednesday last.

R. L. McKenzie, of Panama City, was a pleasant caller at Dr Booths on Wednesday.

Mr Johnson, of West Bay, brought a load of colored passengers to town last Sunday.

Personal.

J. R. Thompson, of St Andrew, was a visitor here Wednesday evening.

R. L. McKenzie made Dr Booth a visit on Wednesday evening.

Martin G. Post, of St Andrew was transacting business here on Tuesday.

Mrs Pierce, of Cromanton, spent Tuesday in visiting friends in Panama City.

R. M. Baker, of Old Town was a Panama City visitor on Wednesday.

R. K. Prows and Miss Seconover, of Millville, were Panama City visitors this week.

Miss Louise Weldon, of Albany, Ga., was a pleasant caller at the PILOT office Tuesday.

P. B. Reed and wife, of Montgomery, came in on the Tarpon, and are stopping at the hotel.

Mrs Daniels, Miss Langston, and J. W. Calloway and daughter, were visitors at the Davis home last week.

Howard Mock, who has been employed in railway service at Mobile, arrived on the Tarpon Wednesday on a visit to his parents.

C. C. Hughes wife and baby, of Dothan, were arrivals on the Tarpon Friday, on a visit to their friends Mr and Mrs Crawford.

R. L. McKenzie, W. W. Green, J. J. Ward, M. B. Jenks, and E. M. Goodson, attended the funeral of Mr Donaldson, at Parker on Sunday.

Miss Eula Mock returned from a visit in Jackson county on Tuesday, and was accompanied by her friend, Miss Hattie Smith, of Newton, Ala.

Walker Anderson, of Anderson & Dorr, of Pensacola, came in on the Tarpon Wednesday, and was a guest at the Panama City hotel Wednesday night.

J. B. Thompson, of Apalachicola, has been with us the past week, returning home yesterday. Berry still has a longing for the prettiest and best harbor on the coast, and the beauties of Panama City.

On Friday last Mrs Rei Hogeboom was called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs A. Harper, of Chipley, who was very ill. She was accompanied by Rei, who returned on Monday. He reports Mrs Harper as some better.

State News.

P. A. Hutchison is down on the Bay talking insurance and enjoying the gulf breeze. He will be absent several weeks.—Advertiser Bonifay.

Oil prospects in the vicinity of Orange Hill are considered exceeding bright these days, and property owners in that section are not anxious to sell just now.—Chipley Verdict.

Messrs. Cawthon & Co., recently placed 800 head of cattle around Freeport, Rocky and Boggy Bayous, Fla., which they will fatten and kill for the local trade. They brought 200 t Florala.—Florala News,